

New Drug Candidates and Innovation for HAT: From Discovery to Promising Candidates, Illustrated by Oxaboroles Development

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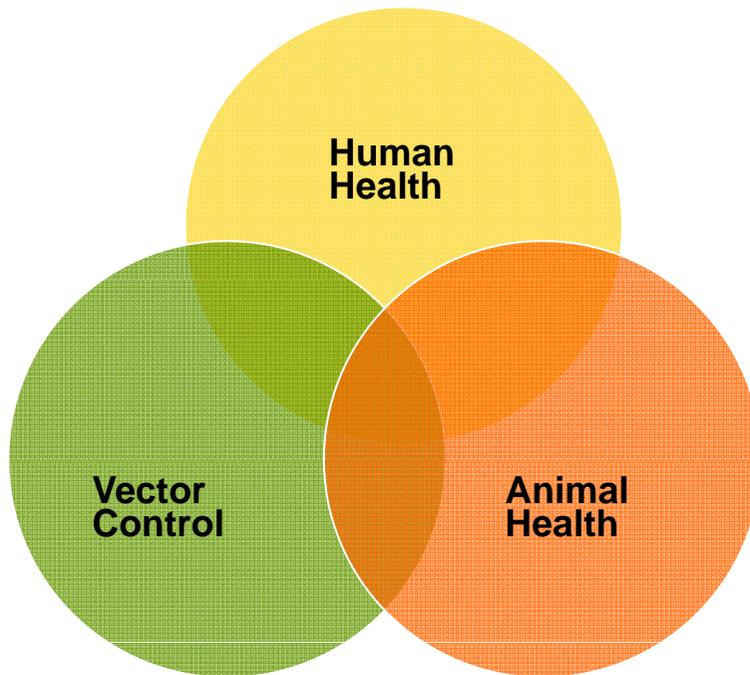
Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative*
Iniciativa Medicamentos para Enfermedades Olvidadas

Neglected Diseases and Innovation

- Innovation in Neglected Diseases cannot be created with only “old” compounds
 - Combinations, new formulations, repurposing...
 - Toxicity, resistance, drug-drug interference, compliance...
- New drugs have to be discovered
 - New modes of action (resistance)
 - Safe (toxicity)
 - Easy-to-use (compliance)
 - Cheap (COGs)
- DNDi: created HAT Lead Optimization Consortium in 2007
 - SCYNEXIS: center piece

SCYNEXIS

An Integrated Parasitology Research Group



- **Expertise in early discovery, lead optimization and pre-clinical development**
 - Integrated medicinal chemistry, biochemistry, biology and ADMET-DMPK teams
 - Currently have 3 infectious disease compounds in clinical development
- **Core business built on partnerships with PPP's, Biotech, Pharma, Animal Health companies**
 - Screening paradigms targeting key NTD therapeutic areas
 - Internal expertise built through multi-year research programs for animal health and neglected disease discovery
 - Finding value for partners via the integrated parasitology expertise

SCYNEXIS Integrated Parasitology Discovery Platform

Human Health

Filarial Disease

Schistosomiasis

Soil Transmitted
Helminthiasis

Trypanosomiasis

Leishmaniasis

Malaria

Dengue

Chagas

Vector Control

Mosquitoes

Sandflies

Ticks

Bedbug

Lice

Animal Health

Trypanosomiasis

Gastrointestinal
Nematodes

Biting Flies

Cattle Tick

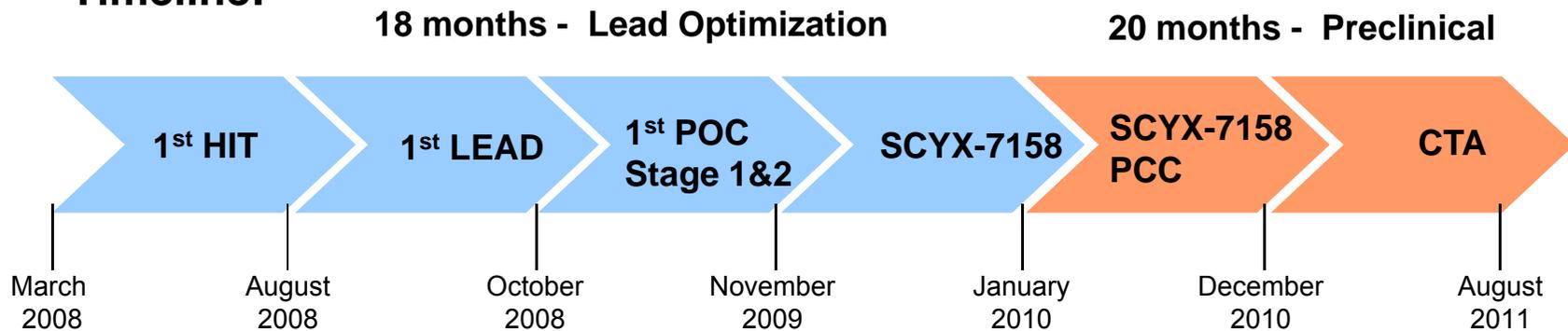
Flea/Tick

Heartworm

What It Takes: People, Time and Money

- **People fully dedicated to HAT project : 19**
 - **DNDi:** 2 Project management
 - **SCYNEXIS:** 15
 - 7 Chemists
 - 4 Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics
 - 3 Biologists
 - 1 Project Leaders
 - **Haskins Laboratories, Pace University:** 2 Biologists

- **Timeline:**



Among the best in industry

- **Money**
 - \$15 Million over 3 years

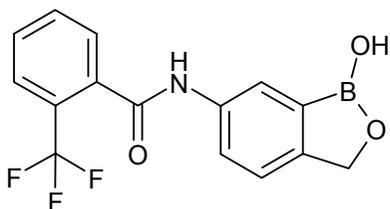
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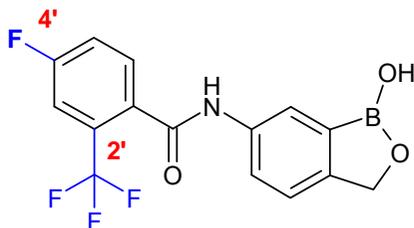
What It Takes: Partners

- **SCYNEXIS:** *In vitro* *T. b. brucei*, cytotoxicity, ADME assays; time-kill assays, bioanalysis
- **Haskins Laboratories, Pace Univ.:** *In vivo* *T. b. brucei* assays (Stage 1 and Stage 2)
- **Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute:** *In vitro* *T. b. rhodesiense*, *T. b. gambiense* assays; *In vivo* *T. brucei* spp. assays (Stage 1 and Stage 2); Microcalorimetry studies
- **Advinus:** *In vivo* toxicology and safety pharmacology studies in rat and dog; GLP genotoxicity studies;
- ➔ **Anacor:** Profiling in antibacterial, antifungal and antiinflammatory assays
- **Drugabilis:** Physicochemical characterization (solubility, polymorphism)
- **Vivisource:** *In vivo* PK evaluation in mouse
- **Sinclair Research Laboratories:** *In vivo* PK evaluation in rat, dog
- **SNBL:** *In vivo* PK evaluation in cynomolgus monkey
- **Aptuit:** Synthesis of [14C]-SCYX-7158
- **BioReliance:** Non-GLP genotoxicity studies of SCYX-7158 and potential impurities
- **Cellular Dynamics:** Non-GLP hERG electrophysiology study
- **MDS Pharma Services:** Receptor, enzyme and ion channel profiling
- **Penn Pharma:** Formulation of drug product for Ph 1 clinical trial
- **Prof. S. Benkovic, Penn State Univ.:** pKa Determination
- **Prof. M. Ferguson, Univ. of Dundee:** MOA studies in *T. b. brucei*
- **Prof. M. Barrett, Glasgow Univ.:** Metabolomics studies in *T. b. brucei*

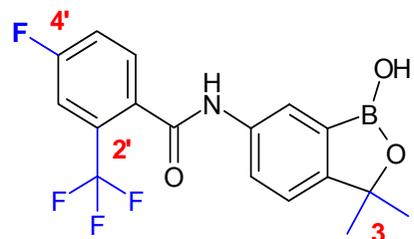
Benzoxaborole Series Progression



AN3520



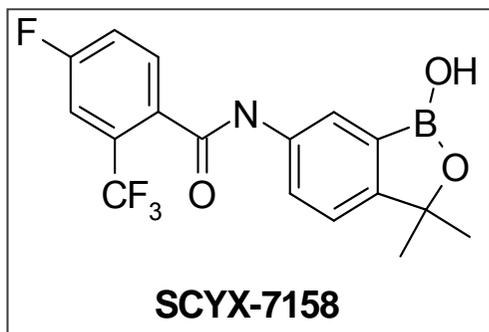
SCYX-6759



SCYX-7158

- C(6) Carboxamides - Anacor
 - ◆ Provide high potency
 - ◆ Overcome limitations of sulfoxide (AN2920)
 - Stereochemistry
 - Metabolism to sulfone
- C(2') Substitution
 - ◆ Enhances potency, PK and brain disposition
 - ◆ Trifluoromethyl, chloro preferred
- C(4') Substitution
 - ◆ Blocks oxidative metabolism of benzamide
 - ◆ Enhances bioavailability
 - ◆ Increases brain disposition
 - ◆ Fluoro preferred
- C(3) Substitution
 - ◆ Enhances PK, brain disposition
 - ◆ Monosubstitution compromised by cytotoxicity
 - ◆ Potency decreased by more sterically demanding substituents

SCYX-7158: Profile of an Orally-Active Stage 1 & 2 HAT Drug Candidate*



In vitro activity vs. *Trypanosoma brucei*:

IC₅₀ = 0.2 – 1.1 μM (including *T. b. gambiense*,
T. b. rhodesiense)

Physicochemical properties:

logD = 3.51; aq. solubility = 25 μM

In vitro ADME properties:

Mouse, rat, human S9 t_{1/2} > 350 min

MDCK-MDR1 P_{app} = 415 nm/Sec; AQ = 0.03

Curative of Stage 1 Murine HAT model @ 2.5 mg/kg, po, once-daily x 4 days

Curative of Stage 2 Murine HAT model @ 25 mg/kg, po, once-daily x 7 days

Excellent PK in mouse, rat, dog and cynomolgus monkey;

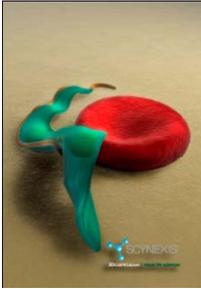
Excellent safety profile in rat and dog (28 day NOAEL = 15 mg/kg)

Non-genotoxic, no hERG effects, clean safety pharmacology profile

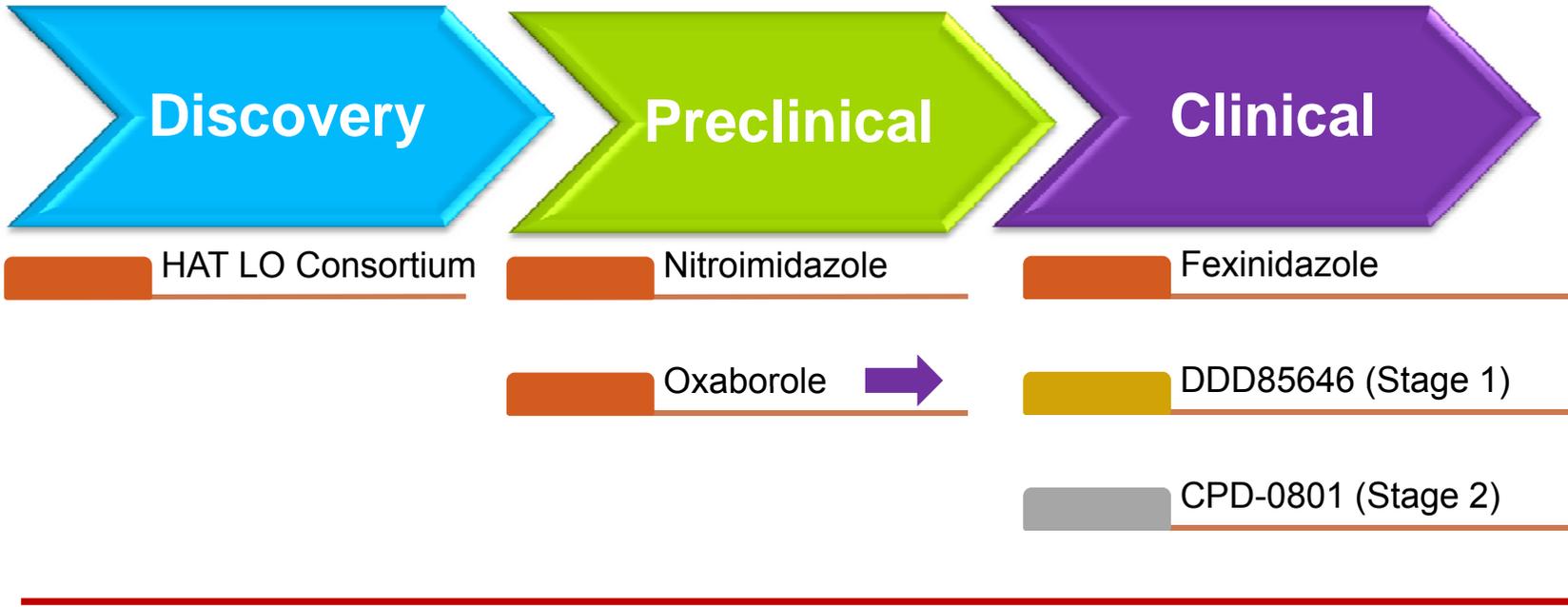
No evidence of irreversible binding to tissues, good tissue distribution (¹⁴C)

Synthesized in 6 steps, no chromatography, crystalline API and intermediates

*Jacobs, R. T. et al. PLoS Negl. Trop. Dis. **2011**, 5, e1151.



Building A HAT Pipeline



HCV



- 12 Proteases
- 14 Non-nucleotides
- 8 Nucleotides
- 6 Others

